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**STATEMENT BY U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE CHARLENE BARSHEFSKY  
CONCERNING WTO FILM PANEL DECISION**

United States Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky today issued the following comment in response to the issuance of the WTO panel report on the Japan film case:

“As I said at the time of the preliminary decision in December, we are obviously extremely disappointed in the WTO panel decision,” said Ambassador Barshefsky. “It is impossible to reconcile the realities of the marketplace with that decision. It is our intention to outline steps in the very near future to ensure that the Japanese market in this sector is indeed open and competitive.”